

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE
ON
HEALTH POLICY**

Tuesday, March 1, 2005

10:30 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Health Policy was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Ward, Ball, Green, Kahn, Mortimer, Adamini, Wojno, McDowell, Murphy, Gleason, Angerer.

Members absent/excused: Rep. Nofs.

Representative Robertson moved to approve the minutes of the February 15, 2005 meeting. Representative Ball supported the motion. The motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 4325 before the committee.

HB 4325 Mortimer Occupations; physicians; performance of needle electromyography and the performance and interpretation of nerve conduction studies; clarify who is authorized to perform.

Representative Leslie Mortimer, sponsor of HB 4325, testified in support of the bill. Representative Mortimer also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Gregory L. Barkley, M.D., of the Michigan Neurological Association and Henry Ford Hospital testified in support of the bill. Dr. Barkley also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Terry Warren of the Michigan Physical Therapy Association testified in opposition to the bill. Ms. Warren also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

David McElroy, M.D., of the Michigan Academy of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation testified in support of the bill. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Peter Loubert and John Palazzo of the Michigan Physical Therapy Association testified in opposition to the bill. Mr. Palazzo also submitted written testimony. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bill, but did not wish to testify:

Colin Ford of the Michigan State Medical Society.
Carmen Ventocilla, M.D., of Lansing.

Ben Chasmis, D.O., and Jana Rouhier, D.O., of MSU Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation.
Ryan C. O'Connor, D.O., of Lansing Orthopedic P.C.

Mark Beissol of the Michigan Physical Therapy Association submitted a card in opposition to the bill, but did not wish to testify.

Orlene Christie of the Michigan Department of Community Health submitted a card indicating a neutral position on the bill, but did not wish to testify.

Representative Vander Veen moved to excuse the absence of Representative Nofs.
Representative Mortimer supported the motion. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:52 a.m.

Representative Edward Gaffney, Chair_____

Dan Stump, Committee Clerk
House Health Policy Committee, (517) 373-5795